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25X1 TO : [REDACTED] Room 1301, "I" Building DATE: 9 September 1952
25X1 FROM : [REDACTED] BE, FDD
SUBJECT: Evaluation of USSR Training Program, Summer 1952

1. This type of program is very helpful to the analyst working on a Satellite area because of the striking parallels between economic and political developments in the Satellites and those in the USSR.
 2. Such a course would be even more helpful to members of the staff who have had less experience and training than the writer, in Communist political and economic activity. To have such training available to all analysts in FDD would greatly cut down on the time the desk chief ordinarily has to spend in briefing trainees.
 3. The lecturer, particularly on politics, sometimes tended to talk down to the audience and labored the obvious. This time might have been better spent on an orderly presentation of a chronology of events emphasizing the interrelationships between political and economic actions.
- Aside from the above comment, the presentations were well organized and discussion was held to a satisfactory minimum. It would not be worth the neglect of other duties to encourage further rambling discussion.
- Sessions lasting about 2 hours are certainly long enough. Perhaps they could be compressed to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, provided this would not prolong the course.
4. I do not believe that outside study, to be completed in a specified time, should be required. However, it would be extremely helpful if the lecturer would prepare mimeographed copies of a bibliography of about 20 well-chosen books. A set should be purchased for each branch for home study as desired.

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